

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for updating an original plurality of files within an original archive file without altering an order and an arrangement of the [[files]] original archive file, comprising:

using a computer having a processor and a memory connected to the processor, storing a program in the memory of the computer, the program adapted to cause the processor to perform steps comprising:

creating a temporary directory;

copying the original archive file into the temporary directory;

recording an order and an arrangement of the original archive file in a structure file in the temporary directory;

decompressing the plurality of original files within the archive file to the temporary directory;

creating an updated plurality of files, wherein the updated plurality of files includes a plurality of edits to the plurality of original files to create the updated plurality of files, wherein the updated plurality of files have a different order and a different arrangement than the plurality of original files ~~by accepting a user specification of a file of the original plurality of files, a field in the file, an old value, and a new value, searching the file and field for each occurrence of the old value, and replacing each occurrence of the old value with the new value; and~~

compressing the updated plurality of files into a new archive file according to the order and the arrangement stored in the structure file, wherein the new archive file's order and [[the]] arrangement is the same as the original archive file's order and arrangement ~~before and after the updated plurality of files are created.~~

22. (New) An apparatus for updating an original plurality of files within an original archive file without altering an order and an arrangement of the original archive file, comprising:

a computer having a processor and a memory connected to the processor;

a program stored in the memory of the computer, the program adapted to cause the processor to create a temporary directory, copy the original archive file into the temporary directory, record an order and an arrangement of the original archive file in a structure file in the temporary directory, decompress the plurality of original files within the archive file to the temporary directory, create an updated plurality of files, wherein the updated plurality of files includes a plurality of edits to the plurality of original files to create the updated plurality of files, wherein the updated plurality of files have a different order and a different arrangement than the plurality of original files, and compressing the updated plurality of files into a new archive file according to the order and the arrangement stored in the structure file, wherein the new archive file's order and arrangement is the same as the original archive file's order and arrangement.

23. (New) A computer program product for updating an original plurality of files within an original archive file without altering an order and an arrangement of the original archive file, comprising:

a computer-readable storage medium;

a program stored in the computer-readable storage medium, the program adapted to cause a processor of a computer to create a temporary directory, copy the original archive file into the temporary directory, record an order and an arrangement of the original archive file in a structure file in the temporary directory, decompress the plurality of original files within the archive file to the temporary directory, create an updated plurality of files, wherein the updated plurality of files includes a plurality of edits to the plurality of original files to create the updated plurality of files, wherein the updated plurality of files have a different order and a different arrangement than the plurality of original files, and compressing the updated plurality of files into a new archive file according to the order and the arrangement stored in the structure file, wherein the new archive file's order and arrangement is the same as the original archive file's order and arrangement.